

## JUNE CONSTRUCTION SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Department of Labor Sees Much for Encouragement for Future Activities.

## JONES PAYS THE FREIGHT

prices — All Kinds of Material Are Available From Day to Day.

**GENERAL** — Aug. 1 — Distinct increase in the announcement just issued by the department of labor indicates a big increase in construction of the utmost significance, as it does that interest in building investors are showing at the time is opportunity for a more rapid rate than ever before. Enclosed conditions are no longer a deterrent to those who have contracts, so the department is off the mark.

Most of the buildings now planned or under process of erection are residential, theaters and public buildings, so it is not difficult to understand that the erection of millions of homes will be the prosperity of the country. Many of Americans now, for the first time in their lives, have bank accounts or their equivalent, and the idea of owning one's home is becoming more popular. It is by no means safe to hazard a guess as to the amount of money likely to be invested in new residences and apartments during the next two or three years. Business conditions generally are improving daily, following the actual signing of the armistice.

The new condition now that restrictions against building of unexampled proportions is the labor situation. Contractors are quoting sellers on contingencies of further labor agreements after the first of August. Labor conditions are unchanged, with no workers seeking regular employment at \$1 an hour regardless of former contracts.

All in the air holding exception, and strong with an upward tendency, are wages, prices, particularly affected by high cost of production and a wide scarcity in the supplies.

Business is holding exception, with heavy buying by retail dealers. Dealers are experiencing difficulties in obtaining ample stocks of requirements because of the inability of the manufacturers to increase the output. A new retail price has just been issued advancing all softwoods and values of lumber are advancing from day to day. Supply and demand, together with the high cost of production, are now the ruling factors in the lumber markets. There are some who believe that lumber has just begun to advance in price.

## SHIP BODY OF BURNED MAN TO JOPLIN HOME

J. H. Vance, Seriously Injured in Refinery Explosion Thursday Morning, Will Recover.

Although his condition is not considered as serious J. H. Vance, severely burned in the Conden refinery fire Thursday, will be forced to carry the damaged hand in a glove-cast for an indefinite period to prevent contraction of the tendons leading to W. E. Miller, superintendent of the refinery.

It was found, according to Miller, that Vance's hand was slightly drawn after the fire and physicians decided that the only way to prevent a permanent disability was to put it in a cast.

Superintendent Miller affirms that Thursday late witnessed some of the most daring acts of heroism and self-sacrifice in the praise of the volunteer Conden firemen. Although there was no gas explosion, either, of explosives, or any tank due to the fire at the source, the volunteer fire-fighters were ignorant of this fact and so far as their knowledge went elected such the case in the face of great danger.

The body of Guy Hat Phamery, whom death who died Thursday from burns received in the Conden refinery fire, was sent to Joplin on Friday for burial. John R. Renshaw, a relative of Phamery, received the body Thursday and accompanied the body to Joplin.

Lemont Warren and wife Lambert and the other men who were seriously injured were greatly improved yesterday morning. Warren and Lamberton returning to their homes Sunday will be unable to leave the hospital as his condition was no better than the attendants at the hospital.

## No Raise In Price

America's own table drink with a flavor similar to coffee —

## INSTANT POSTUM

### CHAMPION PEACHES AND GRAPES

Ready Saturday, Aug. 2

### EARLY ELBERTAS

Ready Aug. 6

### THE ELVA C. BARROWS FRUIT FARM

## Daughter of Banker Is in Relief Work



Miss Maude Kahn.

Miss Maude Kahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kahn, who recently returned from eastern work overseas, will return soon to take up her self-imposed task of alleviating the suffering in the devastated parts of France. After a brief time of anxiety following her coming out, she was one of the first young women of wealth to enlist for relief service abroad and now, after a short rest and few summer gayeties at Southampton, she has decided to resume her labors on the other side.

Introduce Bill to Return R. R.'s. — WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A proposed bill for the return of the railroads to their owners will be submitted to the Interstate commerce commission next week. Senator Cummins of Iowa announced this afternoon.

The bill, Senator Cummins will, will embody provisions which have been tentatively agreed to by the subcommittee on railroads.

## Kings MARKET

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Special on Leg o' Lamb. Nothing nicer for the Sunday dinner than a nice Leg Lamb, weighing from 3½ to 5 pounds, per pound. 45c  
Nice lot of fancy young Springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, per pound. 50c  
Roasting Hens, 3 to 5 pounds, per pound. 38c  
Choice cut Beef, Pot Roast, pound. 25c

If It Comes From King's It's Good to Eat.

## LAPSED POLICIES MAY STILL BE REINSTATED

### Congressman McKeown Tells Soldiers How Army Insurance Can Be Retained.

ADA, Okla., Aug. 1.—Every discharged soldier, sailor and marine who has permitted his government insurance policy to lapse may re-instate the same within nine months from the first date of the lapse of his policy by complying with the following regulations set out by Congressman McKeown of the Fourth district.

When the insured has paid no premiums for more than three months, if not discharged more than three months, the policy may be reinstated by simply sending in past premiums, provided the insured is still living. No application for reinstatement is prior to good health is required.

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